

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in 113 counties from October 2009 to October 2010

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EDITOR'S NOTE: October's preliminary and September's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Oct10charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 24, 2010) — Unemployment rates fell in 113 Kentucky counties between October 2009 and October 2010, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 6.6 percent. It was followed by Webster County, 7 percent; Fayette and Livingston counties, 7.2 percent each; Carlisle County, 7.3 percent; Calloway and Oldham counties, 7.4 percent each; Larue County, 7.5 percent; Franklin County, 7.6 percent; and Caldwell, Rowan and Shelby counties, 7.8 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 16.8 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 14.9 percent; Menifee County, 13.9 percent; McCreary County, 13.4 percent; Powell County, 12.9 percent; Clay and Grayson counties, 12.8 percent each; Wayne County, 12.5 percent; Wolfe County, 12.4 percent; and Leslie County, 12.2 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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